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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177;</u>
Office of Engineering & Technology and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seek
Information on Current Trends in LTE-U and LAA Technology, ET Docket No. 15-105

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 16, 2015, Lowell McAdam, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Verizon; Craig Silliman, Executive Vice President – Public Policy and General Counsel of Verizon; and Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President, Federal Regulatory and Legal Affairs of Verizon met with Chairman Tom Wheeler; Ruth Milkman, Chief of Staff to the Chairman; and Jonathan Sallet, FCC General Counsel.

Mr. McAdam emphasized the importance to the US economy and US consumer of the Commission acting quickly to make the spectrum bands above 24 GHz available for mobile broadband. Verizon agrees with the Commission's primary proposal to grant flexible use rights to existing terrestrial licensees in the 28 GHz and 39 GHz bands and to auction the FCC held licenses. Mr. McAdam asked for the Commission to move quickly to adopt an order and to make this spectrum available for 5G deployments. Mr. McAdam reiterated Verizon's commitment to be the first US company to roll out 5G wireless technology and described Verizon's work with its 5G Technology Forum partners, including its plans to field test 5G in early 2016.

During the meeting, they also described how LTE-Unlicensed will allow wireless companies to provide their customers a better wireless broadband experience. They emphasized Verizon's support of unlicensed spectrum and strong commitment to Wi-Fi. And they discussed Verizon's ongoing collaboration with the rest of the Wi-Fi community to ensure that LTE-U coexists successfully with Wi-Fi

Sincerely,

cc: Chairman Tom Wheeler

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